

MI Child Support Formula - Re: 52 overnight formulation

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Subject: Re: 52 overnight formulation

Dear Chief Justices':

I would like to advocate on behalf of constituents who have called our office upset over the proposed formulary changes.

The first caller is concerned about the 52 overnight formulation. She has her 3 children 22-23 days out of 30-31 days a month. The father has the total of 8 overnights in that month, yet she supplies the necessary needs for the children. On the school day, she pays for lunches. On the weekend she sends the clothes in which she purchases to the father's home, which may or may not get returned to her. This requires her to buy more. In an effort to "get along" with the father she tries not to complain; instead, she just takes it out of her child support to either purchase more clothes or pay for the lunches.

If the 52 day formula takes effect, not only will she still provide for the children as she currently does, but with significantly less money.

Another case: A lady called and has custody of her child. The friend of the courts papers indicate a "parenting time" order that states that the father is to have parenting time 1 day a week for supper, and every other weekend. Her issue is that this parenting time will fall into the 52 day rule, but the father may actually see the child 2-3 times a month. Even though it is an order that states otherwise, this is not what the father practices. Again, she pays for supporting that child for practically the whole month and he is going to get the "break?"

Thank you for allowing me to bring this to your attention. I hope that you will take into consideration these concerns.

Respectfully,

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